



City of Saint Louis
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS
DIVISION OF HEALTH

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MAYOR

December 23, 1986

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HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Mr. Ray Emerson
Riverview Hall Industrial Properties
St. Louis Freight Car and Equipment
718 North Third Street, Suite 200C
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Dear Mr. Emerson:

On December 16, 1986, an inspection was made of your facility, the former GAF complex located at 9215 Riverview Boulevard. This inspection was performed by Mr. Wilson of the St. Louis Health Division, Bureau of Environmental Health, in your presence and with your assistance.

During this inspection, various potentially hazardous chemicals were observed. You indicated to Mr. Wilson that some of these chemicals are surplus and you wish to dispose of them, and that others relating to the boiler may or may not be retained. I have enclosed a list of the above mentioned chemicals and other unknown substances. Mr. Wilson noted in his report that there may be others in the complex not yet identified.

In addition, during Mr. Wilson's inspection, he talked to you about asbestos known to be buried on the property. He also discussed areas covered with a substance that may contain asbestos, namely, the boiler house, the skylight, and the upper walls of the Eliminator Line area.

When the above mentioned chemicals are disposed of, it must be done in an environmentally sound manner consistent with all local, State and Federal regulations. We are requesting that this division be advised of any future disposal plans so that we may monitor such activity.

In regards to the known buried asbestos-containing material, we are requesting all records relating to time, location, and methods of burial. We would also appreciate any other information you have on the burial.

Regarding the areas covered with the possible asbestos-bearing materials, we are requesting that samples of these materials be submitted to an EPA approved laboratory for analysis, and that copies of said analysis be submitted to this division. The reason we are requesting this laboratory analysis is that portions of the above surfaces have deteriorated causing a potentially hazardous condition should the material contain asbestos.

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Mr. Ray Emerson

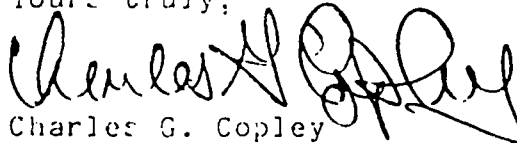
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One final point should be noted regarding the inspection, which may be helpful to you in the future. One properly labeled transformer containing PCB's was observed. As long as this unit remains undisturbed, it is of no concern, except that it must be reported to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, telephone number (912) 236-2335. Additional regulations come into force if it is moved. We recommend you contact the EPA for specific information regarding the storage or disposal of the transformer containing PCB.

I realize the above may raise a number of questions. Should you have any, please contact Mr. Lee Huguley or Mr. Thomas Astorino at 658-1000. In any event, I would appreciate a response to this division by January 23, 1987.

Yours truly,


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Acting Health Commissioner

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Enclosure

List of Chemicals and Unknown Substances
9215 Riverview Boulevard

1. Maintenance Building

4 55-gallon drums of aqua ammonia
1 30-gallon container of muriatic acid
5 pounds of glycerin
 $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon Barium Chloride
1 quart of unknown
3 gallons Methyl Ethyl Ketone
2 pounds of Rosin Powder
Flas-crete Primer Catalyst
Various unknowns, small containers
Roofing sealer

2. Fire Brick Storage Building

Various unknown containers

3. Boiler House (interior/exterior)

Various boiler treatment chemicals
Sulfuric Acid

4. Area at and near Eliminator Line in newest building

1 55-gallon drum, Methylene Chloride
2 55-gallon drums, Dichloromethane (Methylene Chloride)
1 55-gallon drum, 1-M-Pyrol (N-Methyl-2-Pyrrolidone)
Numerous 55-gallon drums of Chem-Trend
5 55-gallon drums, possibly DC-193 Surfactant, in black drums
2 55-gallon drums, Boiler Treatment Sludge conditioner
Storage tanks, north of Eliminator Line. Some may have substances still in them.

5. South interior of Eliminator Line area

A. Maintenance area

Paints and primers

B. Lab and office area

Ethyl Alcohol

Acetone

Methanol (Nethyl Alcohol)

Ammonia